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NAVAL MEDICAL COMMAND
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IN REPLY REFER TO

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NAVMEDCOM INSTRUCTION 1500.5

From: Commander, Naval Medical Command
To: Ships and Stations Having Medical Department Personnel

Subj: RADIATION HEALTH TRAINING FOR DESIGNATED MEDICAL
DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 6470.2 (NOTAL)
(b) NAVMED P-5055, Radiation Health Protection Manual

1. Purpose. To prescribe procedures for radiation health program training for designated Medical Department personnel other than Undersea Medical Officers (Medical Corps Officer NOBC 0090) and Radiation Health Officers (Medical Service Corps Officer NOBC 0845).

2. Cancellation. BUMED Instruction 6470.15A.

3. Background Military and civilian, Medical Department personnel, assigned to nuclear powered or nuclear weapons capable ships and selected maintenance facilities require knowledge of radiation health procedures to support radiological control programs described in reference (a). Radiation health procedures are described in reference (b). To support this requirement, a 2-week course of instruction in radiation health is conducted at the Naval Undersea Medical Institute (NAVUSEAMEDINSTITUTE), Groton, CT. This course is identified as the Radiation Health Indoctrination (RHI) course (B-5A-1050).

4. Policy. The RHI course shall be a prerequisite for assignment to the following:

a. Medical officer billets:

(1) The senior medical officer on nuclear powered surface ships.

(2) At least one of the general medical officers assigned to tenders supporting nuclear powered ships.

(3) The senior medical officer or general medical officer on ships performing nuclear weapons intermediate or depot level maintenance.

(4) The radiation medical officer at the medical treatment facility supporting shipyards that perform maintenance and overhaul on nuclear powered ships.

(5) Other medical officer billets designated by the medical treatment facility in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

b. Medical Service Corps officer billets designated by type commanders for Operating Forces and by the medical treatment facility in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

c. Other Medical Department personnel, such as hospital corpsmen or civilian nurses, designated by the medical treatment facility in consultation with the supported line command for shore activities.

5. Action

a. Geographic naval medical commands shall review radiation health program training requirements for assigned medical treatment facilities in consultation with supported line commands. Training requirements, not within the capability of the geographic naval medical command, shall be identified and appropriate training arranged.

b. Medical treatment facilities shall:

(1) Request course quotas as necessary from NAVUSEAMEDINSTITUTE in coordination with the geographic naval medical commands.

(2) Provide the following information on prospective students to NAVUSEAMEDINSTITUTE:

(a) Name, grade, corps, and SSN.

(b) Date of birth.

(c) Command.


(d) Security clearance presently held, basis for the clearance, and date of clearance.

c. Personnel who have not previously completed the RHI course shall attend en route to billets noted in paragraph 4. Personnel occupying billets noted in paragraph 4 who have not been trained and are at least 1 year from projected rotation date shall attend the RHI course at the earliest possible date.

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d. The Officer in Charge, Naval Undersea Medical Institute has quota control and shall coordinate course assignments. The correct address is noted below.

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